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I find the DOJ proposed settlement with Microsoft to be a disgrace! Microsoft after snookering the original preparer of PC DOS was handed a monopoly by IBM. They have exploited that monopoly in a number of illegal ways. After being found guilty, they are now being rewarded by the DOJ with such weak "punishment" and unenforceable behavior restrictions, that Microsoft can now declare victory and continue on their merry way. Considering the relationship between Microsoft and the Bush administration, the money and the Ballmer visit to VP Cheney, one might have expected the DOJ to recuse itself.

This is an "honorable" administration -- value is given for value received!

Yours truly,

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